





### NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

Don't forget our government's Savings Bond Campaign. We citizens can help avoid hard times by storing up our extra money now-Buy Bonds. Save for your own future security and the security of our nation.

Here is a group of good letters from readers, with our answers beneath. Keep writing, gang,

and we'll keep trying to please you.

#### THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Editors:

Let me congratulate you for the fine work done on the cover of the June issue of BLUE BOLT. It was an ideal picture for the baseball season. The colors were perfect, and I thought the picture of "Dick Cole" was simply

I also thought the stories were outstanding. My favorite characters are "Dick Cole," "Blue Bolt," and "Edison Bell." I can't say I hate "Krisko and Jasper," but they are pretty silly.

I would like to see a movie of "Dick Cole." I think it would be even more outstanding than the comic feature.

Truly yours, Keith Hall Los Angeles, California

We're glad you liked the baseball cover, Keith. Would our other readers like more covers featuring sports?

Dear Editors:

I write to you so you may know that even in this faraway part of America we receive your comics and enjoy them.

I like your stories very much, but I am surprised that all the crooks and bad people in "Dick Cole" are blackhaired, because there also are blond crooks, you know.

Adiós amigos, y gracias sincermente.

Yours truly, Alfredo Galvez Moran Guatemala City, Guatemala, C. A.

The crooks in BLUE BOLT are not all intentionally black-haired, Alfredo. In past issues, we have shown crooks with many different types of physical appearance.

Dear Sirs: I like "Dick Cole," "Edison Bell," "Sergeant Spook," and "Fearless Fellers" the best, but the others are good,

I especially like the Q's and A's because last week in school we were having English and I remembered the plural of thieves from question 11, which made me get an A in English.

A faithful reader, Don Teague Lawton, Oklahoma

If you have any good questions for BLUE BOLT Q's and A's, Don, why don't you send them in to us?

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading the Volume 8, Number 1, issue of BLUE BOLT. I was reading and trying to answer the questions when I decided to send in a suggestion. I don't like to have to turn the book upside down. My suggestion is that you put the question on the right-hand side of the page and the answer right side up on the left-hand side of the following page. You would then have to turn a page over to see the answer, but it would be right side

> Yours truly, Evertt Dunlap Lawton, Oklahoma

Thanks for your suggestion, Evertt. Perhaps our readers will let us know what they think of it.

Dear Editors:

I have just read the March 1947 issue of BLUE BOLT, and have got the April number as well, which were among a packet that a kind U.S. cousin sent me. I have had many such packets during the last two or three years and I thought you might like to have an Englishman's (age nearly 43) opinion of BLUE BOLT. I think it beats most, if not all, of the many other titles I have had. The only feature I don't care for is "Sergeant Spook," because it is supernatural, but I'm glad you don't go in for flying men. I like "Dick Cole" very much and the "Bolts and Nuts" pages are splendid. I like the questions and answers, too. Jolly good value for ten cents these days. Another thing I

like about BLUE BOLT is that the stories are all complete in each issue which means a lot to one who doesn't

get every number.

One of our M.P.'s said in the House of Commons the other day that he thought these American comics were unsuitable for English children, and I'm inclined to agree with him as regards some of them, but I can't see anything harmful in BLUE BOLT. So I hope my cousin will always include BLUE BOLT in her packets of magazines and also hope you will keep it up to the present high standard. I really can't think of any way of improving it, except perhaps by running a puzzle or competition page. But, of course, your magazine is chiefly for youngsters and that might not interest them. I have some nephews who are very fond of reading them. With my very best wishes,

Yours truly. B. Tabram Horseheath, Cambs.

Thank you, B. Tabram, for that excellent letter. Occasionally you may find a puzzle in BLUE BOLT.

Dear Editors:

Ever since I got the first issue of BLUE BOLT comics, I have tried not to miss a copy. I trade books with my girl friends and they are always glad to get my BLUE BOLT books.

I think the illustrations are very clear and the printing is easy to read. I like the stories of "Dick Cole," and "Rick Richards" because they are full of adventure. I don't think you could improve the magazine even if you tried!

A faithful reader. Barbara Lose Williamsport, Pa.

We take special pains to make sure the reading IS clear in our books, Barbara. All our letterers must use a certain size letter when printing the balloons. In that way, we know you readers can read the stories easily.

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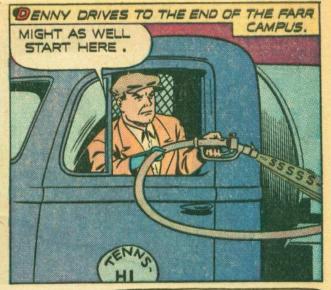
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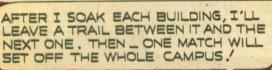


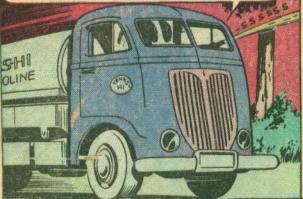
QUESTION What does "A. M." mean?

DENNY, A CROOK WHO HAS SEVERAL TIMES RUN AFOUL OF DICK COLE WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS TO HIMSELF, NOW HATES DICK AND FARR WITH ALL THE FURY OF A WARPED MIND.









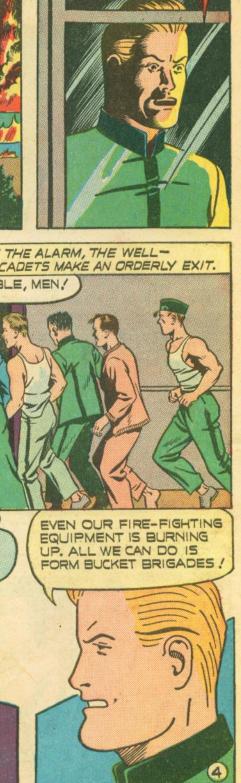














WE'LL FORM HOSE

WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT

TO SAVE



QUESTION What is a mason? Look at Picture 1 for a hint.

IT'S NO USE,

FELLOWS, THE



IT'S NO USE, DICK, WE MUST RETREAT!
LOOK! THE ARMORY IS ON FIRE, AND
IT'S FULL OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES!



WHEN THE ARMORY BLOWS UP, WE MUST ALL BE AT A SAFE DISTANCE! FIRST, MAKE SURE NO CADET IS MISSING!





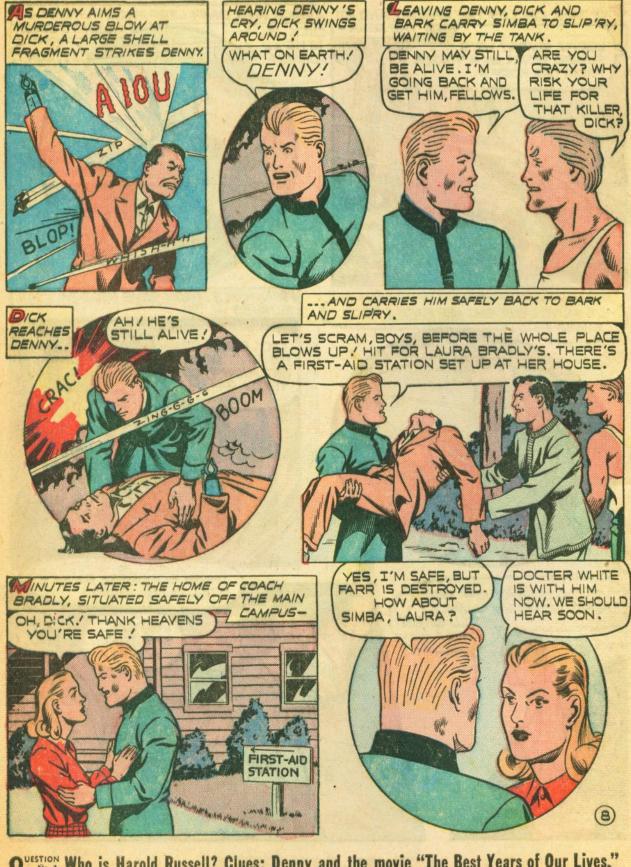




QUESTION Dick Cole will help you complete this: Wood and \_\_\_\_ are used as fuels.



The missing word is "coal," The missing ail



QUESTION Who is Harold Russell? Clues: Denny and the movie "The Best Years of Our Lives."



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QUESTION Who was Captain Kidd?

A Scotchman who, sent by an English king to fight pirates, turned pirate himself. 39.04



NOTHING LIKE AN OCEAN TRIP

FOR ONE'S

HEALTH, THEY

YEAH .. BUT A TRIP IN

THE OCEAN AIN'T SO GOOD! HAW!

HAW!

IF I COME UP ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE GALLEON, I'LL BE SHOT... BUT NOBODY WILL BE LOOKING ON THE OTHER SIDE ... HOPE I CAN MAKE IT!

900N ...

NICE DAY FOR

A WALK ... SO GET GOING!





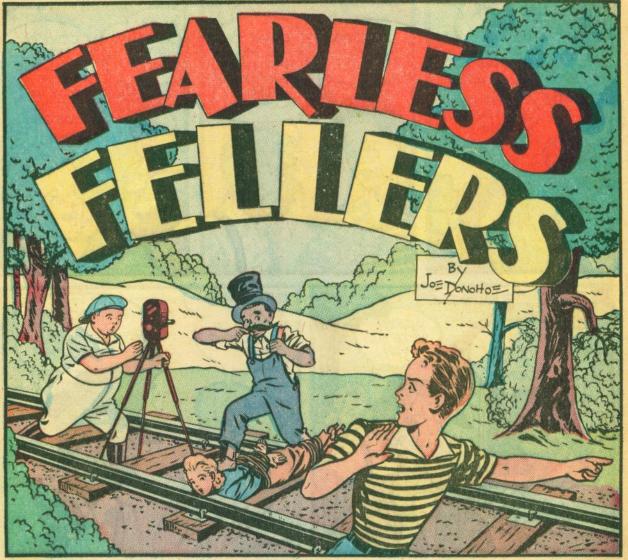






























QUESTION What movie star's real name is Spangler Arlington Brugh?















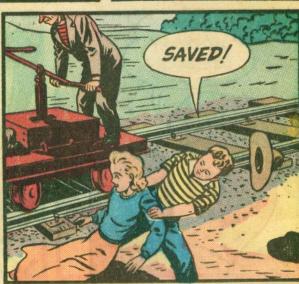
Believe it or not, this is Robert Taylor's name. waren















QUESTION Three words can be made from the letters in "saved." What are they?

























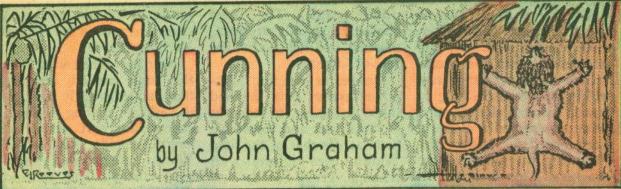












HE men of the Nagoli were solemn as they assembled in the ceremonial hut of the kraal. Ordinarily a happy folk, there was not time for laughter among them this day. Mingled emotions contributed to their grimness. There was yet grief for the dead chief, and a realization of the care they must use in selecting a new one. Yes, they must choose a new leader, but they must choose well. He who would be chief of the Nagoli must lack neither courage nor a feeling for justice. The turbulent jungle — where sudden death is ever neighbor to man - allowed for no error. It was with good cause then

The drums and the gourds wailed a lament for the dead one. A wild thing it was, beautiful in its savagery and heart-breaking in its grief. Higher the crescendo of sorrow rose, but there was one who did not listen. Wantu was not concerned with the dead — he schemed to be the new chief! Ambition's creature, he had no interest in dirges. Let the other fools rant of courage and justice:

that the Nagoli were seri-

ous; perhaps their very sur-

vival hinged on the choice.

he had a more powerful weapon — CUNNING! Cunning he had in plenty,

but he must make certain how to employ it. He must learn what test the elders of the tribe had devised for the candidates to prove their fitness. Each time a new chief was chosen, the method was different. This plan eliminated any advance preparations and insured that the new leader would be a man who could act swiftly. A leader must be swift if his people were to exist in the jungle!

Wantu's head ached as he tried to anticipate the test. Would those foolish drums never cease, so the announcement might be made? What was the test? What? What? It was almost as though the question beat drums of its own in Wantu's throbbing skull.

But wait! The senior priest of the tribe had detached himself from the group of elders and was moving to the center of the hut. The old man raised a hand for silence and the drums subsided into a low, mournful sobbing. The group of candidates inched forward and Wantu trem-

bled as he shook in the grip of ambition. How he wanted to spring up on the old one and wrest the secret from him. Speak, old one! Speak!

"My people," the old man

said slowly, "the time has

come when a new one must

lead us. It is the tradition of

the Nagoli that our chief must be as strong as he is resourceful. What better way to prove it than to conquer the mighty lion? Such is our decision: he who first returns with the skin of a freshly killed tawny one shall rule the Nagoli. Prepare then, O hunters! Let your spears be swift and your arms strong! The gods shall smile on the most skill-

ed one. I have spoken!"

The old man returned to the group of priests, and silence held the hut-silence broken only by the labored breathing of Wantu. Ho! Here was the ideal chance to prove his cunning. Usually it took raw jungle courage to conquer mighty Simba. Of this. Wantu had none. But he did have cunning! He filed from the hut with the other warriors, smiling as he formed his ghastly plan. True, he had not the courage to stalk a lion — but he had the cunning to stalk humans!

Outside the hunters waved good fortune to one another, then plunged separately into the brush. Into the brush, where the cruel fangs and raking talons of the king of beasts awaited the unwary! Wantu hesitated a moment, then moved slowly forward, following the tallest of the trackers. This was Ooma, strongest spearsman among the Nagoli. This was Ooma, who would make Wantu chief. Ooma was the strongest and the swiftest - but Wantu was the most cunning! The lithe figure of Ooma

forged fearlessly into the undergrowth. Engrossed in his tracking, he failed to notice the shadow that skulked behind him. Skulked and trailed, with spear ever raised at Ooma's back. Wantu's cunning would yet make him king of all the Nagoli!

Suddenly the roar of an

approaching lion sounded

through the jungle. The

steaming greenness became

alive with terror. Monkeys

chattered as they fled

through treetops, and lesser

with the panic of their flight.
Wantu blanched at the sound of the bellow. But ambition held him to his task as he pressed after the hurrying Ooma.

As though aware it was being hunted by the puny man-folk, the tawny giant burst into the clearing. Sighting Ooma, it thundered a challenge as it sprang forward, great mouth gaping,

and paws extended to rake

and claw. The furious,

charge was met, however,

with a well-aimed spear that

turned the cry of rage into a

moaned, and fell dead at the feet of Ooma!

But enter cunning! Another spear now hurtled

clawed frantically at space,

The

beast

gurgle.

death

other spear now hurtled through the air, to lodge in Ooma's back and topple his body across that of the lion. Wantu, eyes agleam with triumph, broke swiftly into

view. Ho! There was no weapon like cunning! Here he had his lion and had undergone no personal risk. Yet he must be swift! There would be time for gloating later! It was more important

now to bury Ooma and skin

the lion. Fate was good to

him. The killing had taken

place at the edge of a gorge and it was but small effort to roll the lifeless Ooma over it. Quick strokes of his blade separated the lion's skin from the carcass. It was done! Cunning had made him chief!

There was much rejoicing that night in the village of the Nagoli. The drums beat

madly as they flung the story

of Wantu's greatness to the winds. Wantu smiled as he

watched the celebrants.

Fools! Yes! he was king, but

none knew that he had con-

quered by virtue of his cunning. What did it matter, though? Was not the skin of the dead lion hung outside his hut? There was none to know that he had not actually killed it. No, he was too cunning! But now for sleep! His had been a full

day and his body cried for

sleep-sleep, when he might

dream of further cunning!

He flung himself wearily down on his straw mat and quickly surrendered to sleep.

The sounds of the festival

gradually abated and soon silence reigned in the village. Nothing stirred.

Nothing? Then what was

this huge cat-like creature that padded silently through the village, sniffing, sniffing, ever sniffing? It paused at length outside the hut of Wantu and growled deeply in its throat. This was no

wantu and growled deeply in its throat. This was no thundering roar, but merely a growl of vengeance. Great paws crept quietly into the hut, closer, ever closer to the slumbering Wantu, deep in dreams of his cunning.

Suddenly the night was hideous with screams of terror. The frenzy contained in them was horrible, yet it was but a moment before they were stilled. Aroused, the

Wantu. Their spears were raised and ready, but there was nothing there. Nothing but a terribly mangled Wantu, his dead face ghastly in the light of the waning moon. Puzzled, the Nagoli asked one another how it happened. How had Wantu

men of the Nagoli rushed to

the hut of their new chief,

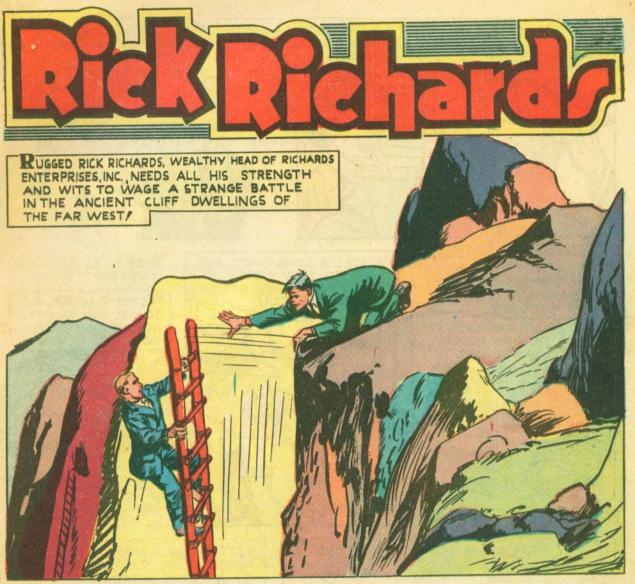
One old hunter, wise in the ways of the jungle, showed them the answer. Gesturing with his spear toward the skin of the lion hung on Wantu's hut, he said, "Wah! Truly the Nagoli are unfortunate. We

have lost our chief to cun-

ning. Behold the dead lion's

skin. It was that which

directed the lion's mate to its killer. It is ever thus—after a hunter kills one lion, he must kill the mate, else the mate seeks vengence. Wantu, our leader, is dead because of cunning—animal cunning!"









BLUE BOLT









RICK RACES WESTWARD

PRETTY CLEVER PLACE TO HIDE MISS BANKER... NO ONE'S VISITED THE DWELLINGS IN YEARS!







QUESTION What is archaeology?





QUESTION "When a body meets a body" is a line from what old song?



BE TOO EARLY ANN? PERFECT RICK. YOU MUST BE OUTTA YOUR HEAD! YOU AIN'T COMIN' DOWN FROM THIS CLIFF!

YOU GET A SLOW DEATH ... FROM HUNGER AND THIRST!

THANKS, OL' PAL! I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU SOME TIME?

EVEN IF YOU BUST YOUR BONDS, YOU CAN'T GET DOWN, CAUSE I'M TAKIN' THE LADDERS, TOO!

OH, BROTHER, NOW WHAT





"Comin' Through the Rye." "Comin'















QUESTION Name four games in which a racket is used.



As ALWAYS, A SUDDEN LOUD NOISE STIMULATES RICK'S ADRENAL GLANDS, GIVING HIM IMMEASURABLE STRENGTH.













Lacrosse, tennis, badminton, squash. "11" Lacrosse,













QUESTION Nitroglycerin is the chief ingredient of what?







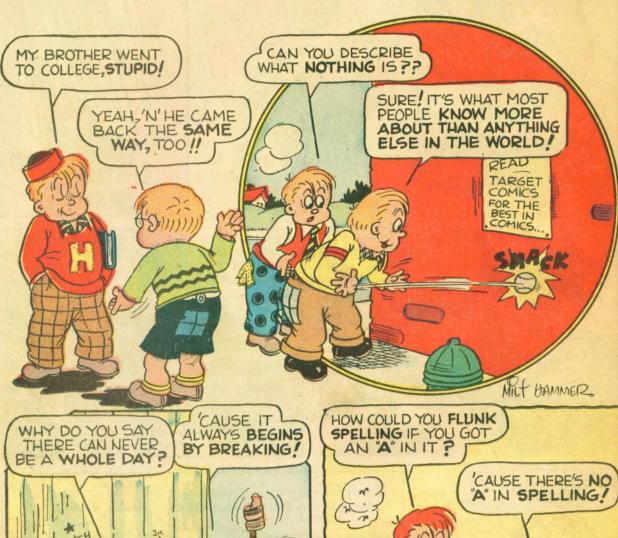








## BLUEBOLTS and NUTS









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QUESTION A candidate for the U.S. Senate must be at least 30 years old. True or false?

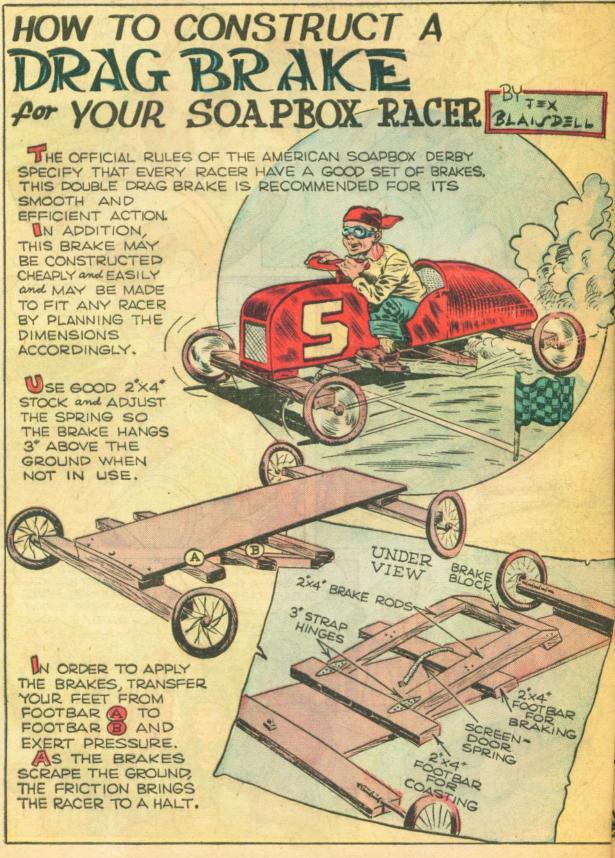




QUESTION Are there 5280, 528, or 6280 feet in a mile?



There are 5280 feet in a mile, amen V







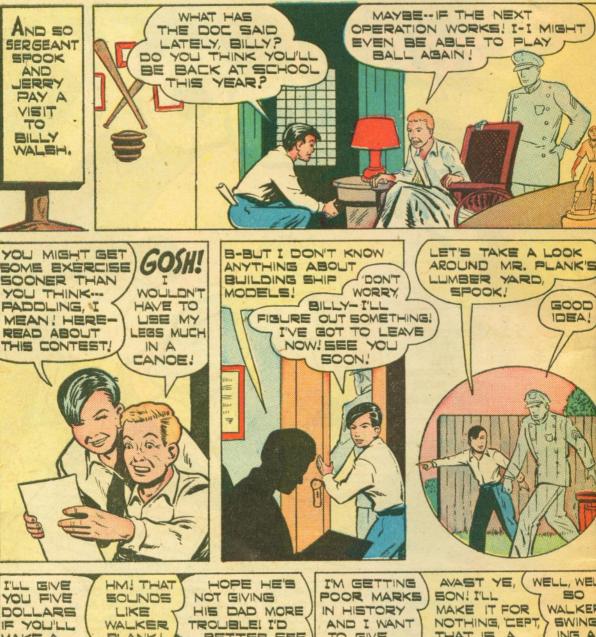
NO SIREE! HOW ABOUT THAT CANOE YOUR FRIEND WILL COME BILLY WALSH, IN MIGHTY THE KID WHO HANDY ON WAS HURT IN THE LAKE AN AUTO ACCIDENT THIS LAST YEAR? SUMMER



IS HE

WELL, GEE ... I DON'T KNOW! BUT WHAT I'D SURE DO YOU SAY WE LIKE TO DROP SEE HIM HAVE SOME IN ON FUN! HIM?







QUESTION Did the first World Series take place in 1803, 1903, or 1923?







NEXT, JERRY SPEAKS TO CAPTAIN CHARLES STEWART, WHO DEFEATED THE BRITISH WARSHIPS CYANE AND LEVANT.









QUESTION Subtract four letters from the name Decatur and get an animal.



NOPE...CONTEST BETTER RULES SAY THAT IT'S OKAY TO USE SOMEONE FIND OUT HOW DAN ELSE'S PLANS AND ADVICE ... BUT THE DOWEL'S ACTUAL WORK MUST COMING BE DONE BY ALONG, SEE THE BOY YOU LATER, HIMSELF! JERRY!

I'D



POOK PAYE A VISIT TO DAN'S SHACK ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LUMBER YARD.

HEIGH HO! AS TRIM THAT A CRAFT AS I EVER CRAFT'S DID SEE! NOW TO 700 GIVE HER A SUIT TRIM FOR OF SAILS! CRAFTY WALKER PLANK! I'VE GOT TO FIX THOSE SAILS.

THE DAY OF THE BIG CONTEST!





MR. KEELSON, HEAD OF THE KEELSON BOAT WORKS AND CHIEF JUDGE OF THE CONTEST, SPEAKS.







ONE OF THE MINIATURE GUNS.



As walker unfurls his sails, a strange message appears!











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